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Vote 'Yes' Tuesday

What is an education worth?

It certainly is the most priceless gift we can give our children. Most of our material possessions decay or rust after a few years, but an education lasts a lifetime.

If we give our children a good education, we give them a precious gift, far better than a bicycle, a pair of skates, a hula hoop or an electric train. If we settle for a second-rate education, we are cheating our children.

Next Tuesday, Torrance voters will decide whether to increase the amount of school funds for their children. Because of Torrance's expanding school population, there is a very clear need for more money to maintain the present program.

The only place where, legally, the Board of Education can turn is to the voters, since additional federal or state aid next year seems entirely out of the question. In fact, the district actually may get less federal funds because of expiration of Public Law 874.

Recent reports that the district was awarded a piece of land from the federal government and that the state allotted some loan funds for buildings have no bearing on this election. Legally, the building and operating funds are entirely separate.

The issue at stake is whether Torrance's operating tax rate for day-to-day expenses of schools should be raised by 50 cents for a three-year period.

Without more money, our school officials say, the schools will have to cut their program seriously.

We have heard many people say, "Taxes are already too high. I can't afford any more."

Taxes are too high, but our children can't afford not to have a good education. Torrance schools clearly need more money and they are seeking it in the only way open to them, under state law. This proposal would cost \$20 a year or less to the average family.

Although the proposal would cost industry, which pays some 60 per cent of local taxes, these groups have supported the measure because they feel it essential.

Without more money, Torrance schools find themselves faced with the prospect of increasing average class size to 40, about one-third larger than the average of surrounding districts. This increase would have these effects:

1. With larger classes, students would get less help from teachers. There would be, of necessity, more teaching to the average child and less help for the brightest and slowest students.

2. Teachers would do more work, with only the same amount of pay as in neighboring districts. It would be hard to hire good teachers and to keep present teachers.

Other programs—sports, shop and homemaking, music, pre-college high school counselling, bus transportation, classes for bright students, classes for handicapped—probably would be cut sharply or dropped entirely.

To cut the program would make it less effective; to lower the caliber of the program would contribute toward lower property values. Cities with good school systems have higher property values than those which do not.

To those who say they can't afford more taxes, we say that your children can't afford not to have good schools.

We think Torrance children deserve a "yes" vote Tuesday.

It's Great Entertainment—



Out of the Past

From the Files of the HERALD

Twenty years ago this week the HERALD was leading a movement to acquire an airport for Torrance. Today the airport is very much an important part of the life of the entire Torrance area and currently is planning, with FAA assistance, the erection of a modern control tower facility.

Originally the group working for the port were representing several of the city's in the area and preliminary efforts were expended in an unsuccessful attempt to organize an airport district. The airport became a reality during the war when it was used

as a landing strip for fighter planes and, at the end of the war, the port with all its valuable land was turned over to the city.

Life on Midway Island was described by Elmer Riley, a Torrance young man who was engaged in building a Naval base on that "minuscule" island. Later Midway played a major role in the events of the second World War and became an important link in U. S. operations.

The city fathers 20 years ago were rejoicing over a

\$4819.03 profit in the 1941 operation of the water department. A surplus of \$136,000 on April 1, 1940 had been reduced to about \$80,000 through depreciation accounting.

"Don't let your out of town friends razz you about the crooked streets in Torrance because they are your saving grace," a planning expert told the Kiwanis club.

"And don't worry when they tell you they avoid Torrance because they can never find their way out of town. Just tell them 'we planned it that way,'" said Werner Rucht, then chief engineer for the Los Angeles Regional Planning Commission.

"Torrance had the good fortune to have been planned after a pattern prepared by the eminent authority on city planning, Frederick Law Olmstead. The customary plan of gridiron streets was carefully avoided to eliminate through streets and discourage through traffic, thus giving seclusion to the Torrance area," Rucht explained.

As the saying goes, despite what the man said, there are many who would take the through streets and streets laid out on cardinal points of the compass, something that easily could have been achieved because of the completely flat topography of Torrance. In fact, today's planners in the city are trying to secure those "through" streets once considered so undesirable.

Director James M. Carter of the DMV reported there were 2,955,952 vehicles registered in California in 1941, a record up to that time.

Little Chats

On Public Notice

By JAMES E. POLLARD

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

(No. 11 in a Series) One of the most common forms of public notice, or legal advertising, has to do with bids on public works, services or supplies and equipment. An actual Ohio notice of this kind some time ago began as follows:

Sealed proposals will be received at the OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS, DIVISION OF STATE ARCHITECT AND ENGINEER, 705 OHIO DEPARTMENTS BUILDING, COLUMBUS, OHIO, until Monday, October 7, 1957, at 2:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time, and opened immediately thereafter for furnishing the material and performing the labor for the execution and construction of Air Conditioning of Surgery, Ohio Tuberculosis Hospital, Columbus, Ohio, in accordance with the plans and specifications prepared by...

Law in Action

Remedies for Wrongs

Our courts work on the principle that there should be no wrong without a remedy. This principle applies to the relations between the ordinary citizen and public officials.

You have a lawful right for public officers to do certain things which affect you. Yet, suppose they won't. And suppose money damages alone may not undo the wrong done you.

Take a principal who won't let your child go to school although the child is eligible. In such a case a court may grant you a special remedy—a writ of mandamus—to get justice done.

In a writ of mandamus a court orders someone, as a rule a public officer, to do his lawful public duty.

When can you seek such a writ? (1) You must show the

harass our public officers. The court also looks into the public duty you demand of the officers. For the sake of justice, the court must use its judgment in deciding whether to issue the writ or not.

The court calls the officer to appear. If he gives good reason for not doing what you want him to do, the court will not grant the writ. If he does not come or fails to give a good reason for his conduct, the judge will then grant the writ of mandamus.

It orders the officer to do or not to do certain things required of him by the law. Should he still refuse to do what you have asked, the court can fine him or use some other method of compelling him to act.

(Note: California lawyers offer this column so you may know about our laws.)

Exchange Student Homes Sought by Local Group

(The following information was compiled by Mrs. John Melville for the American Field Service as it seeks to continue the program of sponsoring foreign students who are studying in our high schools)

Needed: Homes for three exchange students. Open your door to world peace.

World peace may be as close as your own front door. The local committee of the American Field Service is dependent upon you in the community to find suitable homes in which to place AFS students for next September, according to Mrs. John Walti, local chairman.

Since the Torrance chapter was formed in 1954, 17 impressionable youngsters, ages 16-18, from 14 nations have spent 10 months each in Torrance homes, attending local high schools, and forming lifelong impressions of the real America.

What qualifies a family for participation in this all-important international program?

Roughly this: Both parents should be at least 37 years old; must not be foreign born, the mother must not be employed full time, and there must be a teenager in the family. While a private room for the exchange student is not essential, a separate bed is required.

Says Mrs. J. B. Mosley, home placement chairman:

"The foster homes, both in America and abroad, have been the chief reason for the success of the AFS program. The No. 1 requisite is that the family really wants to open their home to a student. We are seeking average American homes with average circumstances."

The visiting youngster immediately becomes a member of the family. He quickly learns the customs of the family and the community and grasps the culture of the land. A deep and abiding affection results and the understanding that is so important between peoples and nations.

Who decides what student lives where once applications are received? (Applications are due Dec. 25). Placement details are han-

dled by the AFS office in New York. Students—intelligent, adaptable, outgoing, potential future leaders—are matched, insofar as possible, with families of similar interests, economic status, and cultural background.

Estimates are that it costs slightly more than \$1000 to give an exchange student a year in the United States—the major expense being transportation.

Who foots the bill? The local chapter pays \$650 for each student. The balance is paid mostly by foreign parents and a small proportion by the State Department and direct gifts to the New York headquarters.

Each year the Torrance Educational Assn. presents a check to the Torrance chapter of AFS for \$650 for one full scholarship. Partial scholarships are given by the Riviera Rotary Club, Torrance Lions, Las Vecinas Womens Club, and the First Christian Church.

Other donors and supporting organizations include Mayflower Trailer Co., Torrance Police Officers, Pilot Club, Torrance Women's Club, American Legion Auxiliary, and local PTA groups. Bed and board are provided by the foster parents—who, since this year, are allowed \$50 a month deduction on income taxes.

"It's a small price to pay for a program in which the interchange can result in

deep friendships and a deeper understanding of each other's world," say Mr. and Mrs. William Herrmann, foster parents of Gabrieli Morretti, student from Turin, Italy.

With this program, world peace definitely starts in the home," the Herrmanns say.

If you are interested in providing a foster home or making contributions for the AFS program, persons who may be contacted include Mrs. John Walti, 376 Paseo de Gracia, chairman; Mrs. J. B. Mosley, 23846 Ward St., home placement chairman; or Mrs. Henry Graef, 115 Via Los Miradores.

Mailbox

Congratulations

Editor, Torrance Herald Congratulations to you and your fine staff for the recognition extended to the Herald in San Francisco for "Best Women's Interest Coverage."

I have long admired the excellent typography and clean techniques of make-up utilized by the Herald. These qualities also stand out in the women's section, which fully deserves the recognition given it by CNPA.

It is always a pleasure to see the good work of our local publications recognized. You stand alone in the field this year. Congratulations!

W. A. KAMRATH, Coordinator, Public Relations, El Camino College

SHORT TAKES

Editor Paul F. Ellis, Charlotte, N. C., Mecklenburg Times—Mr. Kennedy has no mandate, no overwhelming support from the American people to change drastically the American way of life... There is no need now for any drastic emergency measures such as were put into effect

by Franklin D. Roosevelt in the early 1930's. Of course, the Nation is behind John F. Kennedy... But this doesn't mean that he'll be given a free hand or a blank check. He will meet face-to-face with the system of checks and balances that has kept the United States the strong Republic that it is.

Aid-to-Big Cities Now Gets Federal Spotlight

By JAMES DORAIS

To be the Mayor of a large American city has always been an important job—of greater importance, in some cases, than being Governor of a State.

In the near future, however, the mayoralty office may be diluted in status to that of a postmastership. For the likely establishment of the new Federal administration of the Department of Urban Affairs will inevitably reduce the functions of a Big City's mayor to a Federal bureaucrat charged with the handling of Federal funds for Federal programs.

Admittedly, some American cities have done a poor job of coping with their problems. Now, the officials of many such cities—confessing failure and ineptitude—are appealing to Uncle Sam for help.

Some of the aid-to-the-Big City programs are expected to be introduced in the current session of Congress are:

An immediate half billion dollar increase in the capital grants for slum clearance and urban renewal, plus a long term commitment for annual grants of a similar size.

A ten-year grant program for municipal sewage treatment plants.

A new 100 million dollar loan fund for mass transit equipment.

Urban depressed area legislation.

A vastly expanded low income public housing program, calling for 200,000 units a year.

A 2 billion dollar loan program for middle-income housing construction.

Some of these proposals were enacted by Congress at its last session, but were vetoed by President Eisenhower. His successor, of course, is virtually committed to all of them, and their enactment into law this year is considered almost certain. Only a drastic need—and desire—for economy because of the nation's precarious economic condition, could conceivably prevent these measures, all of them aggressively backed by the labor and urban government lobbies, from making the grade during the current session.

The growing Big City influence on—and dependence upon—the Federal government reflects a lessening of influence by rural areas. More and more, political observers note, State capitols will tend to be bypassed, or ignored, by urban authorities.

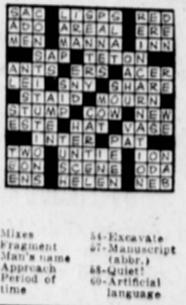
As the trend continues, urban residents will come more and more to think of themselves as national subjects, rather than as citizens of a sovereign state. Further weakened will be the original concept of decentralized government with limited and divided powers.



"If you criticize the wealthy these days, you may be accused of being anti-labor."

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

- ACROSS
1-Hurry
4-Live in Oregon
11-Writer
12-Biblical mountain
14-Printer's measure
15-Distance
17-Coin
18-Puss
20-Circular
22-Wine cup
24-Under
26-Treatment
28-Home
29-Narrator
31-City in Washington
33-Heroic event
36-Average (pl.)
38-Liges on
42-Indefinite article
43-Body of water
45-Let it stand
46-Girl's name
48-Two (poet.)
50-Man's name
51-Fashion
52-Musical instrument
54-Tentative
55-Delicious
56-Colonies of bees
59-Heaps of
60-Column of
61-Pulverize
62-Pungent disease
DOWN
1-Grip
2-Conjunction
3-Pigpen
4-Tip
5-Mistake
6-A continent (abbr.)



- 7-Land
8-Young boy
9-Silkworm
10-Demon of cupidly
11-Nomptious meal
12-Plague
14-Club fees
15-Lubricated
21-Back of neck
22-Lets fall
23-Fish food
27-Leap lightly
28-Begin
29-Penetrating
34-Winter
35-Scraping
36-Cripples
37-Funniest with money
38-Float in air
40-Soften in temper
41-Miss
42-Fragment
43-Man's name (abbr.)
47-Approach
52-Period of time
54-Excavate
55-Practice
56-Overcome
57-Events
58-Overcome
59-Events
60-Overcome
61-Events
62-Overcome

STAR GAZER

Star Gazer horoscope section by Clay R. Pollan. Includes zodiac signs (Aries, Taurus, Gemini, Cancer, Leo, Virgo) and their corresponding dates and characteristics. Also includes a 'My Neighbors' cartoon and a 'Try not to think about it!' caption.